

UNAPPROVED MINUTES
CITY OF MILPITAS

Minutes:	Bicycle Transportation Advisory Commission (BTAC)
Date of Meeting:	December 11, 2006
Time of Meeting:	7:00 P.M.
Place of Meeting:	Milpitas Sports Center Conference Room

I. CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE *BTAC Members*
Present: Rene Briones, Cheryl Bunnell, Bill Reisinger (Chair), Nawal Stanojewic

Staff: Janice Nadal, Joe Oliva

Absent: Commissioners Miljon Buquing, Wesley Roediger, & Fred Zeise
Council Member Armando Gomez

Quorum was established.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS **1. VTA BPAC meeting report- Chair Reisinger**

Chair Reisinger attended a four-hour Ethics Training as a member of the VTA BPAC. VTA is studying the light rail bicycle rack storage situation. A suggestion includes coated hooks and velcro straps in order to prevent falling of bicycles on light rail while in motion. The VTA also discussed the County Roads Pedestrian element. The County seeks City Council resolutions from agencies to remove pedestrian walkways in unsafe areas along expressway. Chair Reisinger added that the County has promised sidewalks along Montague Expressway. Chair Reisinger also added the County is proposing their own Bicycle Advisory Committee.

2. Commission Announcements

There were no additional announcements

3. Staff Announcements

Staff Janice Nadal and Joe Oliva announced the City of Milpitas has hired a new City Manager to replace Acting City Manager Charles Lawson. Tom Williams is currently the City's Planning and Neighborhood Services Director. Mr. Lawson will be retiring officially on December 15, 2006.

Ms. Nadal also distributed a flier of the Main Street Plan Line Study Community meeting on December 14, 2006. The project would review the future plans for the median islands in preparation of the new development. Mr. Oliva described the future residential projects along South Main Street. Chair Reisinger mentioned that outreach should have been made Citywide as opposed to just the businesses along South Main Street and the Pines/Summerfield neighborhoods.

**IV. APPROVAL OF
THE AGENDA**

MOTION to approve the December 11, 2006 agenda

M/S: Bunnel/Stanojevic
All Ayes

**V. APPROVAL OF
THE MINUTES**

MOTION to approve the October 16, 2006 BTAC minutes.

Commissioner Briones stated he is listed as present and absent on the minutes. He is requesting to change the minutes to reflect he was present at the October 16 meeting.

M/S as amended: Stanojevic/Briones
All Ayes

VI. CITIZEN'S FORUM

Rob Means, 1421 Yellowstone Avenue

Mr. Means distributed a one-page handout regarding Fremont's future plans to accommodate the new professional stadium for the Oakland Athletics (A's). Mr. Means requested the BTAC to agendaize this item as the traffic from the proposed "Cisco Field" would directly affect Milpitas and that Personal Rapid Transit (PRT) or a people mover would be a less-expensive alternative to the BART extension project.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Montague Expressway/Capitol Avenue-Great Mall Parkway Update

Ms. Nadal distributed a memo from Staff Jaime Rodriguez regarding his field study with Santa Clara County Roads and Airport (County) on November 8. The field study focused on northbound and southbound bicycle movements across Montague Expressway and westbound right turn movements in relation to pedestrian and bicycle movements. Possible improvements included bicycle loop detector installation along Montague Expressway as well as extending bicycle lanes on Great Mall Parkway. The County will add this location to their list of projects for future funding should additional bicycle loop installations become available.

Chair Reisinger requested an update from City staff on Montague Expressway improvement plans.

Commissioner Briones requested the County look into bicycle detector loops at the intersection of McCandless Drive and Montague Expressway. Ms. Nadal said she would forward this request to the County.

Chair Reisinger opened this item up for public comment. Mr. Means commented on a PRT conference, which had a demonstration of “JPODS” which hold up to 4 people and would be a solution for pedestrians to cross over the Union Pacific Rail Road tracks.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements

i. Open Forum

Commissioner Bunnel commented she likes the new crossing markings on Park Victoria are very visible. She would also like to know if the crossings are plastic and will become sticky during the warmer/summer months. Ms. Nadal will follow up on this.

2. Safety

i. Open Forum

Commissioner Bunnel commented that the pedestrian enforcement Police has been performing is highly effective and would like more enforcement in other areas of the City. Commissioner Stanojevic agreed and suggested the midblock crossing on Calaveras Boulevard east of Park Victoria near the Milpitas Unified School District (1331 Calaveras Blvd), near the on and off ramps of Interstate 680/

Commissioner Briones also suggested Police to enforce the helmet law.

Chair Reisinger suggested inviting the Police Chief to the next meeting. Ms. Nadal said that staff could assist with drafting a memo or letter on behalf of the Commission with suggested enforcement ideas. Ms. Nadal will follow up with the Police department.

Chair Reisinger added that the Escuela Traffic Congestion committee has been meeting for 10 months and has made several plans to improve the school area along Escuela Parkway. One suggestion includes a trail along Russell middle school.

Commissioner Briones mentioned the pedestrian countdown signals are being installed around the City.

Commissioner Bunnel mentioned walking along Calaveras Boulevard near the new Town Center Development (between Hillview Avenue and the Town Center signal had metal on the sidewalks, making the walkway slippery and dangerous. She would like to know if this is a temporary situation as it is unsafe for pedestrians. Mr. Oliva will review the area and report back to the Commission.

3. Public Awareness

i. Safe Routes to School Grant Program (SR2S)

Ms. Nadal distributed a draft scope for the Suggested Routes to School Program and a Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition grant program fact sheet. The City will be applying for the federal Safe Routes to School grant due January 2, 2007. Chair Reisinger commented it is a great program and having it back would be great.

ii. Tour de California, February 18-25, 2007

Ms. Nadal distributed a Stage 3 Route map for the February 21, 2007 bicycle race that passes through Milpitas along Calaveras and Piedmont Roads. Chair Reisinger said last February the City did a great effort to greet the bicyclists and to clear the roads of vehicles along Piedmont Road to ensure safe passage for the cyclists. Ms. Nadal will continue updating the Commission on the project.

iii. Open Forum

4. 2007 Workplan

Ms. Nadal distributed a draft workplan. Commissioner Briones proposed changing the name of the Bicycle Transportation Advisory Commission to Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC). Commissioners Bunnell and Stanojevic agreed, as they are frequent pedestrians.

Ms. Nadal and Mr. Oliva stated they would review the Commission By-laws and consult the City Clerk on the process to change their commission name.

Motion:

Commissioner Briones motioned City staff to research and process the Commission's name from Bicycle Transportation Advisory Commission to Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Commission.

Second: Stanojevic

All Ayes

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn at

8:10 p.m.

M/S: Stanojevic/Briones

All Ayes